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TO: Council Members

FROM: S. Derek Phelps, Executive Director

RE: **DOCKET NO. 339-** Optasite Towers LLC and Omnipoint Communications, Inc. application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and operation of a telecommunications facility located at 640 Hilliard Street, Manchester, Connecticut.

I. Introduction

The application is from Optasite Towers LLC and Omnipoint Communications, Inc. (T-Mobile) for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility and associated equipment in the Town of Manchester, Connecticut.

The Applicants propose to construct a 150-foot stealth monopole painted brown at 640 Hilliard Street in Manchester. The 1.23 acre property is an old industrial mill site with various commercial tenants. The proposed 30-foot by 70-foot fenced equipment compound would be located in the eastern portion of the property.

The proposed monopole would be designed to accommodate use by all Connecticut licensed wireless carriers and the Manchester Public safety communications antennas, if requested. T-Mobile would locate antennas with a centerline of 147 feet above ground level.

II. Technical

The application includes relevant maps, descriptions of the proposed prime and alternate site, costs, a description of the environmental effects of the proposed construction, and health and safety information. The application meets statutory technical requirements for processing the application. Council staff believes additional information can be obtained through pre-hearing interrogatories. This project would not require an outside consultant.

III. Administrative Review

The applicant has stated that all service and filing requirements pursuant to General Statutes § 16-501 (b) have been fulfilled. The applicant stated that notice to the general public was published in the Hartford Courant and The Journal Inquirer.

IV. Procedural

The Council must schedule a hearing for the proceeding between 30 and 150 days after receipt of an application. The Council must also appoint a custodian of the docket and designate a place for the deposition of the transcript. Staff recommends designating Carriann Mulcahy as custodian of the docket, holding the public hearing in the Town of Manchester on Tuesday, August 28, 2007, and depositing the transcript in the Manchester Town Hall.

V. Proposed Schedule

Application received	05/25/07
Completeness review	07/03/07
Pre-hearing Questions	
• Set-One Filed	07/18/07
• Set-One responses due	08/01/07
Pre-hearing conference (11:30 a.m.)	08/13/07
Pre-filed testimony due	08/21/07
Deadline to request Party/Intervenor status	08/21/07
Field review (2:00 p.m.)	08/28/07
Hearing (3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.)	08/28/07
Close of Record	09/27/07
Draft Findings of Fact	10/11/07
Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion & Decision & Order	10/25/07
Deadline for Decision	11/21/07
180-day extension date	05/19/08

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